



# St. Gerard Majella

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE

211 PENTAGON BLVD.

SAULT STE. MARIE ON P6B 5J4



## January 8th, 2023

### The Epiphany of the Lord



#### St. Gerard Majella Regular Mass Hours

##### Weekend In Church Masses:

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

##### Weekday In Church Masses:

Monday at 9:15 am

Tuesday at 9:15 am

### Parish Mission Statement

St. Gerard Majella Parish strives to be a warm, welcoming Catholic community where the faithful gather to celebrate liturgy, to foster faith-sharing and to spread the Good News by word and action. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the community of St. Gerard's supports the spiritual growth, fellowship and charity of its parishioners.

#### Parish Administrator

Father Alex Saurianthadathil

#### Assistant Pastor

Father Charles Ngozi  
Abiamiri (SMMM)

#### Parish Secretary

Melissa Pietarinen

#### OFFICE HOURS

Tues to Fri 9:30am to 12:30pm

Please email anytime at  
[gmajella@shaw.ca](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca)

Email: [gmajella@shaw.ca](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca) / Web: [www.stgerardssm.ca/](http://www.stgerardssm.ca/)

*Welcome*  
*So glad you're here...*

**Mass Intentions January 7<sup>th</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**+ denotes a mass for a deceased person**

Saturday January 7, 5:00pm

Eugenio & Pasqua DaPrat +  
By The DaPrat Family

Ron Brescacin +  
By Louisa & Girls

Maria Martins

By The Barreiro & Domingues  
Families

Sunday January 8, 10:00am

Anna Tucci +  
& Carmen Tucci  
By The Lehtinen Family

Sunday January 8, 10:00am

Emilio & Deceased Members of the  
Perri Family +  
By Rose Perri & Family

Marcel Konopaskie +  
By Louise Crema

Monday January 9, 9:15 am

Intentions of all the People of the Parish

Tuesday January 10, 9:15 am

Intentions of all the People of the Parish

**Mass Intentions January 14<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**+ denotes a mass for a deceased person**

Sunday January 15, 10:00am

All the People of the Parish

Monday January 16, 9:15 am

All the People of the Parish

Saturday January 14, 5:00pm

In Memory of Luigi Stumpo +  
By Wife Rafaela Stumpo & Family

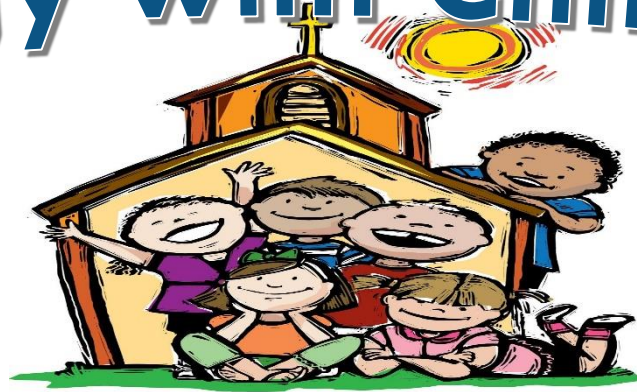
Tuesday January 17, 9:15 am

All the People of the Parish





# Liturgy with Children



**We invite all the children to participate in the enriched readings with songs, pictures and many other colorful actives.**

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**HOW TO SIGN IN IF ALREADY REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISHES** •Go to FORMED.ORG, Click 'SIGN IN' (Top Right of Page), Enter Your email address & click 'Next", Check Your email Address, Click 'Sign In' and 'Start Watching'



### National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada (NACN-Canada)

Our goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, fellowship, mentoring, access to resources regarding ethical issues and participation in public discourse. On First Fridays at 3:00 p.m., pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us using the link on our [website](http://www.nacncanada.ca). [Join us](http://www.nacncanada.ca) for announcements regarding other events, both virtual and in-person.

**CONTACT:** NACN-Canada PO Box 19525, Manulife PO, 55 Bloor St. W., Toronto ON M4W 3T9.

**EMAIL:** [nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com](mailto:nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com) **WEB:** <https://catholicnurses.ca/>

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 8, 2023

**Epiphany of the Lord (A)**

Isaiah 60:1–6 / Ephesians 3:2–3, 5–6 / Matthew 2:1–12



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:11

## A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ne way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren’t sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we’ve been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

### Reflect

***Is anything of the Magi story also your story?  
If so, reflect on yours.***



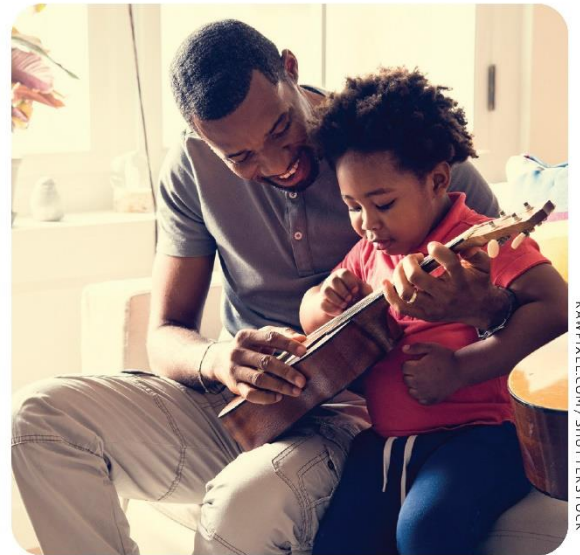
# Dear Padre,

***I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?***

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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***The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org***

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	January 10 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	January 11 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	January 12 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	January 13 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	January 14 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	January 15 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

**Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.**

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.  
Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

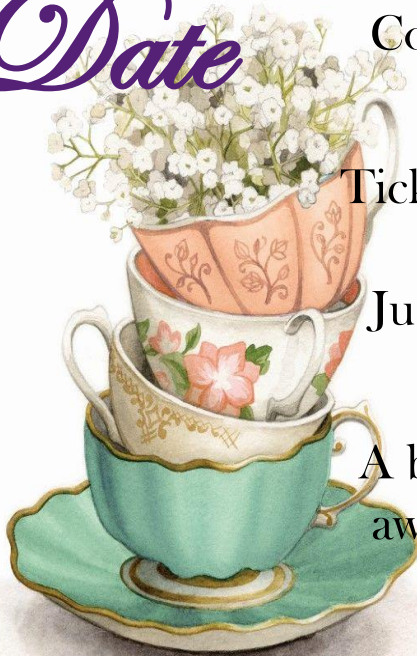
***How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.***

**HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016**

*Save*

*The*

*Date*



Our Annual C.W.L. Valentine Tea will be back for the first time since 2020.

When: Sunday February 12th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

There will be 2 seating's in order to accommodate up to 200 people in total

1:00pm -2:30pm or 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Cost of tickets is \$10 dollars per adult and \$5 dollars per children 5-12 years.

Tickets will be on sale in our entrance beginning on the weekend of Jan 14 & 15 until we are sold out!

Just a reminder that we usually sell all the tickets this first weekend!

A bake sale will be featured as well as raffle tickets for awesome prizes. Door prizes will also be included at our tea.

More details on the bake sale and prizes will be explained next weekend.

## **Funeral Luncheon**

Our generous members of the St. Gerard Majella C.W.L. have agreed to accept and coordinate the responsibilities of the Funeral Luncheon which was a most welcomed part of our hospitality at St Gerard Majella.

Families were offered this opportunity in our hall after the funeral Mass or service. Family Members were most appreciative of the convenience available, at a very difficult time.

So we extend an invitation to our parishioners to consider being part of this endeavour. In simple words we are asking for your help and involvement. Men and women are very welcome.

The Format of the luncheon will be somewhat altered, which will simplify and improve easier facilitation.

Please call Josephine Bennardo at 705-941-1953 or Sheila Beishlag at 705-949-2446.

If you are interested in helping  
In any way. Or the Parish office at 705-949-0435



# Join Our Family


**If you are new to the Parish we encourage you to join our family & register [www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca)**

**If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin through email. Please send an email to [gmajella@shaw.ca](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca) and your email can be put on our parish register list.**

## Flameless Votive Candle

Lighting a candle in memory of a loved one is a great gesture of our love for them. The burning light of the vigil candle is a symbol of hope, faith, gratitude, and a tangible reminder of the connection with our departed family members and friends.

A candle costs \$150.00 and renewals are \$50.00. Your memorial candle will be lit for 6 months with the name of your loved one. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the office.



The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long-standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc. You can also offer an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma.

*Mass Intentions*

## Mass intentions Remembering your loved ones

If you have a mass intention, please do email us at [gmajella@shaw.ca](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca) or call 705-949-0435 for the office. Intentions can be paid for through our donate button on the website: [www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca) or through our mail slot in the office door. They are \$15.00. Please comment that it is for a mass intention.

## There are three ways to donate:

1) **Leave donation envelopes** in our office mailbox slot or in the donation box at mass.

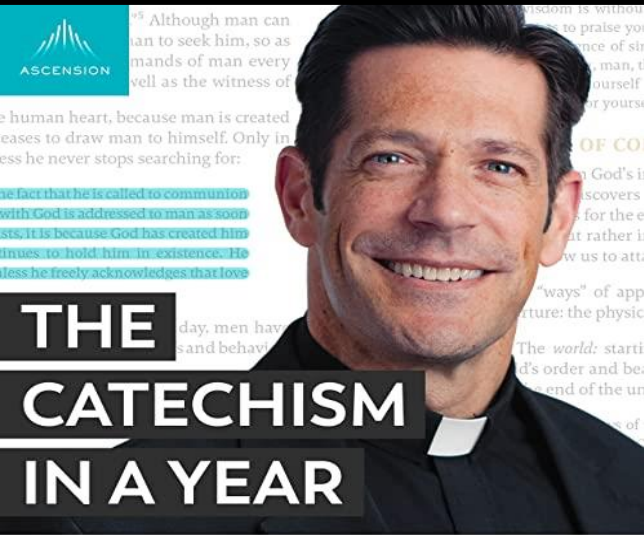
2) Set up a **preauthorized donations**. We want to thank all for this! If you wish to start this program, please email the office for the form.

3) We have **charitable donations on our website**: [www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca) .

CanadaHelps.org will generate an income tax receipt immediately for the parishioner.

**Thank you so much for your generous donations at this time!**





WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

**We invite all St. Gerard Majella parishioners to make use of this unique and free opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding of your Catholic faith.**

In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching The Catechism in a Year podcast (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023! With this podcast, Catholics will: Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness for your life. Each 15-20 minute episode includes: A guided prayer to help you enter into each episode A reading from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. An explanation from Fr Mike Schmitz about the reading The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains adult themes that may not be suitable for children- parental discretion is advised. If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you! We can't wait to start this incredible journey with you! The podcast will launch on January 1, 2023. At that time, you will be able to access the show from your favorite podcast app—click below to view some options. (Please keep in mind that The Catechism in a Year will not show up in these apps until January 1, 2023.) Spotify Apple Podcasts Stitcher Google Podcasts Amazon Music Hallow YouTube

Fr. Mike Schmitz serves as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and as Chaplain for the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He is well known for his popular YouTube videos, released weekly on the Ascension Presents YouTube channel, and he also streams Sunday Mass to a worldwide audience. In addition to hosting the first complete Catholic Bible in a Year podcast, he is also a presenter in Ascension's Chosen, Altaration, and The 99 programs, as well as a contributing author to Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry: Five Steps for Discerning God's Will.